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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The courtesy extended to the undersigned attorney during the telephone interview conducted on September 9, 2003, is noted with appreciation. The following remarks represent a summary of the matters discussed during the interview.

During the interview, the meaning of the phrase "integrated in a unitary structure" was discussed in light of the case law cited by the Examiner in the Official Action, and it was urged that the phrase should be construed in a manner consistent with its use in the specification, note for example page 18, lines 6-8; page 18, lines 24-26; and Fig. 2 of the drawings. To highlight its meaning, it was proposed to add "one-piece" to the phrase in question, and the Examiner agreed to reconsider the base claim upon such an amendment being presented. The Examiner also suggested that the base claim be further amended to recite the benefits of the claimed structure.

Base Claim 30 has been amended in accordance with the above proposals, and it is respectfully submitted that the base claim and its dependent claims are now in condition for immediate allowance. Such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



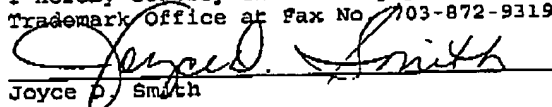
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